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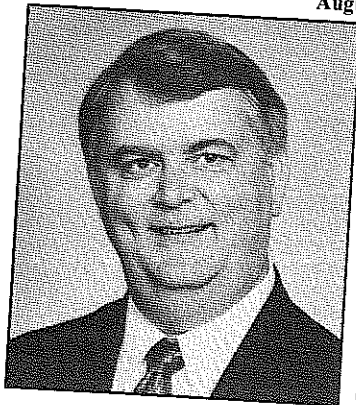
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DAVID REDDING HALLIBURTON
August 12, 1944 – May 14, 1997



David Redding Halliburton entered into eternal life on May 14, 1997, after succumbing to heart failure and kidney disease. His memorial service was held in Union United Methodist Church in Otto, North Carolina, on May 19. It was most fitting that his life was celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost, because David's life was a work of the Holy Spirit.

David was born to John and Mary Halliburton in Miami Beach, Florida, on August 12, 1944. He grew up with a love of the outdoors and of hunting, spending many happy hours with his father and friends hunting in Florida and, as a young adult, in Africa. Because of these happy times, David had a deep love and respect for God's creation.

David grew up attending Coral Gables United Methodist Church in Coral Gables, Florida. There he was nurtured in God's love and God's word. Though David had difficulty finding his niche in life following his graduation from Coral Gables High School, his faith in a loving God never wavered.

During the years following high school, David attended several colleges and held several jobs until he finally settled in the printing business, where his love for words and his desire for a perfect product found a home. As owner of a small printing business in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he won awards for the quality of products he produced.

During this phase of David's life, he also experienced God's call to ministry and, like so many of us, ran from that call, feeling that the poor health he had lived with since birth prohibited him from truly fulfilling the rigors of ministry.

In the mid-1980's, following a failed marriage, the loss of his business, and a major setback of his health, David moved to Kerrville, Texas, where his father and step-mother were living. In his mid-forties, while working in Kerrville, he decided to return to college, attending classes at Schreiner College. Once again, God called David to the ministry, and this time he responded in obedience. He was approved for ministerial candidacy by the First United Methodist Church of Kerrville, where he had become an active lay person, working with the youth, building a strong single adult ministry and in many other areas. After completing the requirements to become a licensed local preacher, David was appointed to two churches in West Texas, one in Sanderson and one in Marathon. While pastoring these churches, he continued his studies at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas. There he distinguished himself as the author of several writings and was praised by his professors for his academic accomplishments. Upon receiving a B.A. degree from Sul Ross, he enrolled in Duke Divinity School. During his two years at Duke (1991-1993), David served as pastor to the Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill churches near Seagrove, North Carolina.

During the 1992 Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, David met fellow pastor Martha (Marti) Slater. Their relationship blossomed into a romance, and they were married on January 2, 1993, at First United Methodist Church, Bessemer City, North Carolina. In order that he and Marti might be together, David transferred from Duke to Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina, to complete his seminary education. While at Erskine, David once again excelled in academics and was consistently praised for his writing ability and his grasp of difficult theological concepts. One of his professors has stated, "The spirit of David Halliburton will walk these halls for a long time."

David served Bethesda United Methodist Church in Asheville from 1993 to 1995. He was admitted to probationary membership in the Western North Carolina Conference and ordained deacon at the 1994 conference session. In 1995, he and Marti were appointed as co-pastors to Asbury, Dryman's Chapel, Mulberry, and Union United Methodist churches (South Macon Cooperative Parish). Not only was Marti one of God's greatest gifts to David, but this co-pastorate also became a true blessing and a time of growth for him.

In the fall of 1996, David's health began to deteriorate. His remaining kidney failed and, although he underwent dialysis, complications required that he spend much time in the hospital in Asheville. He died at Memorial Mission Hospital there on May 14, 1997, surrounded by the love of his wife and special friends.

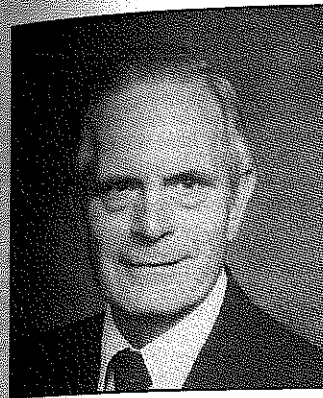
At David's memorial service, the walls of Union United Methodist Church rang out with the words of the hymn that had become David's favorite:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

David's early life was filled with searching, pain, emotional and financial loss, and an intellectual approach to life. But, with God's amazing grace, the Holy Spirit transformed him into a loving, sensitive, tender, and compassionate pastor. "He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith." HE WILL BE MISSED!

John H. Halliburton, Jr.
Martha Slater Halliburton

ROY THOMAS HOUTS, JR.
August 25, 1919 – June 19, 1997



Roy Thomas Houts, Jr., was born in Kerrville, Texas, on August 25, 1919, but the family moved to east Tennessee when Tom was three months old. At that time, Tom's father, R. T. Houts, Sr., was a member of the Holston Conference. Both Tom's father and his mother, Carrie Lou Caldwell Houts, a Hiwassee College music teacher, were later members of the Western North Carolina. Tom's grandfather, T. J. Houts, was a minister in the Holston Conference.

Tom and Florence Claire Cooke were married on December 25, 1940. Their daughter, Linda Claire, was born on November 23, 1942. A foster son, John A. Maxfield, joined the Houts family in 1961.

Tom literally grew up in the church. He and his brother, Jack, were home-schooled until the seventh grade to enable their father to move about, working both in evangelism and in local churches. During this time, the family became a team, with Mrs. Houts and the boys providing both instrumental and vocal music for the services.

Tom received the degree of bachelor of music from Salem College in 1941 and taught briefly before answering his call to ministry. He was licensed to preach in 1942 and began his full-time ministry in 1943 as a supply pastor at Bethel Church in the Waynesville District, where he served for two years. He was admitted on trial in the Western North Carolina Conference in 1944. He then moved to Cullowhee (1945-51), completed the conference Course of Study, and was ordained deacon and admitted to full connection in 1947. He was ordained elder in 1950. In 1951, Tom enrolled in Candler School of Theology, where he received a B.D. degree in 1954. While in Atlanta, Tom was chapel organist at Candler, associate minister and director of music at St. Paul's Methodist Church, and a staff member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country office.

In addition to Bethel and Cullowhee, Tom's pastoral appointments included: Highlands, 1954-57; Murphy, 1957-61; Asheville: Abernethy, 1961-65; Statesville: Race Street, 1965-69; Valdese: First, 1969-72; Charlotte: Memorial, 1972-77; Forest City: First, 1977-81; and Kernersville: Main Street, 1981-85. He was granted retirement in 1985.

Tom's retirement from the active itineracy was not a retirement from ministry. He faithfully visited members of the Abernethy church, and he taught the Houts Sunday School Class, which was named for Tom's father, who had taught the class in his retirement. He taught the last few Sundays before his death sitting down, but he was there! Class members say that some of his most memorable lessons were on Revelation. He taught as though he were seeing the victory for himself. Tom was president of Happy Abernethy and served as Vision Builders' Society representative, and he preached at various churches in the area when there was a need, including preaching regularly in churches on the Avery Parish.

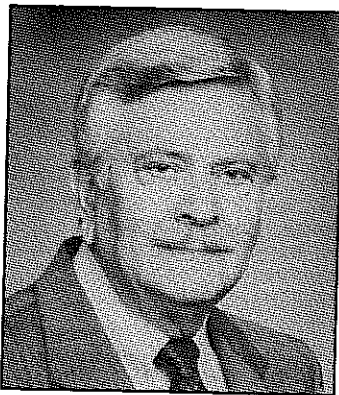
Tom's was a ministry of excellence. An evangelist, he received 530 members on confession of faith and 692 by transfer. A musician, he felt the Christian faith should be expressed in the finest of our Christian musical heritage, and he worked toward raising that awareness in each of his churches. An avid outdoorsman, he shared that enthusiasm in scouting and camping programs locally and in the conference. He also ministered to many friends, both church and unchurched, on the golf course and while hiking, camping, or trout fishing. Young at heart, he cared deeply for youth and sought to challenge them to experience God through their church so that they could live as Christians in the world. Sensitive to the needs of those challenged emotionally, physically, or educationally, Tom went beyond conventional contacts and methods to minister to people with these needs. A good citizen, Tom projected his Christian perspective into the many civic and community organizations in which he participated. A devoted United Methodist, Tom gave leadership in the districts and conference, challenging what he considered inappropriate decisions, strongly supporting the church at large. Tom's activities in the conference included leading five building teams; Television, Radio, and Film Commission, 1964-70; chair of the Commission on Communications and Interpretation, 1972-75; Committee on Conference Relations, 1957-60; Committee on Appeals, 1962-67; Board of Pensions, 1973-80; and chair of the Division of World and National Missions, 1981.

Tom fought a valiant fight with cancer and was active until his death at his Sand Hill Road home in Asheville on June 19, 1997. A memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at Abernethy United Methodist Church. Robert E. Huffman, pastor, and Lewis C. Gibbs, district superintendent, officiated. Interment was at Green Hills Cemetery, Asheville. Tom is survived by his wife, Florence C. Houts; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda H. and Von McCaskill; his foster son and daughter-in-law, John A. and Debbie Gilbert Maxfield; and his grandson, Ian Maxfield.

I treasure my friendship with Tom. He was, in so many ways, the ideal minister. He was committed to Christ, he was faithful in his duties, and his life was exemplary. With St. Paul we can say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

C. Milton Young

HAYWOOD BRASWELL HYATT May 28, 1919 – May 27, 1997



Haywood Braswell Hyatt was born in Anson County, North Carolina, near Wadesboro, to Matthew William and Mary Scott Braswell Hyatt on May 28, 1919. The oldest of the children, his brothers were William Edwin, Wade Covington, and James David, and their sister was Edith Kathleen (Gupton).

Haywood was married to Verta Geneva Royal on June 4, 1938. Together they had two children: Donna Geneva, born on January 21, 1943, and Gerald Haywood, born on October 28, 1952. Haywood and Verta had four grandchildren: Trena Alisa Hampton, Christopher Harold Johnson, Gerald Travis Haywood Hyatt, and David Grey Johnson Hyatt.

During World War II, Haywood entered the U.S. Army in September 1943 and was sent for training to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the Medical Training Corps. He was trained as a "medic" and was sent to Berlin in Germany during the closing months of the war. In that experience, Haywood demonstrated the same pastoral strengths to his charges in

hospitals and operating rooms that he was later to share with his parishioners. He was recognized for his caring for people; his fellow soldiers sorely missed him when he left the hospital. His parishioners found, no doubt, that there was a strong sense of rectitude without a corresponding condescension of harsh judgment.

It was before, after, and during these years that Haywood struggled with his calling to the ministry. After he came home from the war, he went to work at Adams-Millis in High Point. It was from 1946 until 1954 that he struggled with the call to ministry without sharing this with his family. He was aware that his employment was then too valuable to his family. It was on June 2, 1954, that he yielded to the call and committed himself to prepare for ministry by enrolling in High Point College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1959. He had earned the GI Bill of Rights, but the resolution to his struggle came too late for him to use that advantage.

In that same year, he was licensed to preach in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. He continued his preparation for ministry in the Course of Study at Duke and the continuing education program at New College of the University of Edinburg during the summer of 1974. He began his pastoral service at the Boone Circuit, 1959-60. He was admitted on trial in the conference on June 10, 1962. He and Verta were moved to Moravian Falls from 1960 until June of 1963 and then to Hebron in Union County until 1966. It was on June 10, 1965, that he was ordained deacon. Admission to full connection and ordination as elder would follow in 1969. The Hyatts served at King in Stokes County from 1966 to 1968. Following that appointment, they were moved to Randleman Circuit for two years, 1968-70, and then to the West Forsyth charge, 1970-75. Haywood also served the Aldersgate Church in Charlotte, 1975-76; Bethel in Thomasville, 1976-80; and Oak Grove in Davie County, 1980-82. In the beginning of his ministry, Haywood was key in laying the groundwork of the Deerfield Church in Boone. In Randleman, he and Verta lived in the old parsonage until they were instrumental in building the new parsonage for New Salem.

From 1982 until 1987, he was on disability leave because of health problems. In 1988, he took the retired relationship but continued to serve the Sheffield charge on a part-time basis until 1991. At that time, Haywood and Verta finally retired permanently and lived in and near Winston-Salem, where Verta continues to live. Haywood, after a long period of illness, died quietly in his sleep on May 27, 1997.

Haywood Hyatt was a man with a profound sense of responsibility. During the school years of growing up in Anson County, at the age of thirteen or fourteen, it was Haywood who was called on to go to the store with the money of all the students to buy candy. He always gave account for every cent given him in trust, which led his friends to believe his honesty. He was always as good as his word. This

sense of propriety was always true of him.

In addition to his sense of probity, Haywood was a proud man. He was proud of his family and The United Methodist Church, which he served well for so many years. But he was proud in his physical appearance, too. He was a tall and elegantly dressed man who carried himself with an air of dignity. His voice was a quiet one, and he would never play the part of a demagogue in the pulpit. During his last few years, it was painful to watch this proud and elegant man yield to the wasting of his body. Still, he succeeded in maintaining himself despite the illnesses that plagued him. During the last years, his heart barely functioned at a fifteen-percent capacity; however, this debilitating condition subtracted very little from his innate poise.

Haywood's funeral was held at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, on May 30, 1997, with Julian M. Aldridge, Jr., and Joe Bill Davis presiding. His body is buried at the Abbot's Creek Baptist Church in Davidson County.

At the funeral for his mother, Haywood wrote this prayer which expresses his inner life and compartment. It was given by the celebrant for the family.

O Father, Almighty, all merciful, all loving: Grant to us children, brothers and sister, of this mother a knowledge that death is not the end.

We, her children, ask that this hour allow us to see the glory of a faith undiminished in life and death.

May the benediction of her love be to us who loved her so, a love she gave to us with eyes that saw and a heart who knew undefeated courage that allowed her to take footsteps in each new day.

For a dear lady who would say to us in her own way in praise and gratitude that no distress, suffering or any other perplexity could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let the light that Mary Hyatt beheld in Him never forsake you. Grant to us gathered here courage, hope, faith which was hers as an ever-abiding sense of the presence of the Lord.

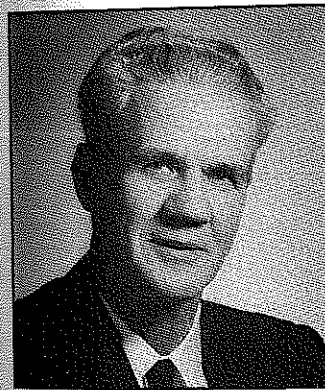
Her fervent, unspoken prayer, that always brought a sense of calm, quiet, and serenity in the eye of any storm that would come to us gathered here.

The children of a mother would say in words written long ago: 'I have finished my day's work, but I cannot say I have finished my life' give to you a shared anticipation that 'the tomb is not a blind alley. It is a thoroughfare.

It closes at the twilight and opens on the dawn.'

Jackson Kent Outlaw, Jr.

ALTON GLENN LACKEY October 10, 1904 – January 31, 1998



Alton Glenn Lackey was born on October 10, 1904, in Alexander County, North Carolina, the son of the late Tal Baxter and Emma Lackey. He was nineteen when God laid his hand on him and called him into the ordained ministry. At the time, he was working in a textile mill, a drop-out of the public schools. His educational preparation for the itinerant ministry began with his enrollment in the old Southern Industrial Institute, a boarding school a stone's throw from Chadwick Methodist Church on the west side of Charlotte, a church Glenn would later serve. The headmaster was J. Armand Baldwin, a minister of the Gospel who impacted Glenn and many other young people for good. It was here that he graduated from high school.

His pilgrimage for a higher education carried him to Catawba College in Salisbury. He used to laughingly tell about his trouble making a passing grade in Latin until he made the baseball team. Somehow, there was a high correlation between the Latin grade and making the baseball

team. He earned his undergraduate degree (B.S.) at Appalachian State University in 1931 and completed his theological education through the Correspondence School of Emory University and the Pastor's School of Duke University. Pfeiffer University awarded him the doctor of divinity degree in 1985.

Glenn Lackey was the only man I have known who was an authority on both the rural and the urban church. His nearly half century of service had two distinct emphases: a ministry to the rural church, and a ministry to the urban church. Following a one-year supply appointment to Jones Memorial in Mooresville (1925-26), the first twenty-five years of his career were served in the rural areas of our annual conference. When he was assigned to an eight-point circuit in Ashe County, he met his appointments on